

San Diego DX Club Bulletin



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MEETING PROGRAM:

K5D Desecheo video of the helicopter trips,
the island from the air, camp set-up and breakdown, pileups,
and an inside look into logistics of a big DXpedition.

MEETING NOTICE:

JOIN US AT THE SIZZLER

AERO DRIVE & MURPHY CANYON RD

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 25, 2010

SOCIAL HOUR, 5:00 P.M. DINNER, 5:30 P.M.

MEETING, 6:30 P.M

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From the Prez

Gayle Olson K6GO



Coming in September to San Diego is the ARRL Southwestern Division Convention at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel just up the street from where we meet each month. The information can be found at <http://www.sandarc.net/Convention2010/links.htm> along with registration information. **Traditionally, the SDDXC hosts the DX Breakfast when San Diego is the venue. We hope that most of us can be there on Sunday, September 19th to support our own Bob, N6OX's presentation.** There is room for 100 seating so get your reservations in today if you have not already done so. Bob will give us his presentation on Kurdistan (YI9PSE, Iraq) operation that he did earlier this year. The Friday thru Sunday Hamvention should have something for everyone so plan on joining the rest of us there. Please sign up for planning purposes.

We had a very productive Board meeting last Wednesday and a few items will be brought to your attention at the next meeting.

Antennas and ordinances are a recurring theme for us. CQ Magazine had an interesting survey recently. In summary, they found that 56% of those responding had no restrictions, with 19% having local municipal restrictions, and sadly 1% having their municipal request denied. 34% have homeowner association restrictions: 10% may put up antennas with permission, 9% are completely prohibited outdoors, and 5% are prohibited completely with 4% allowed only in the back yard. Wonder who comes around to inspect if a ham has an antenna in the attic?

Restrictions seem to be an effective behavior modification technique. 66% of the hams responding have not even tried to get approval for an antenna, 20% have gotten municipal approval, and 14% have received HOA approval with 9% receiving an HOA denial.

Sadly 2% limit themselves to mobile activities, 1% to internet only and 2% are not on the air at all. On a positive note 71% operate with full view antennas, 18% have low profile antennas and 9% have stealth antennas. Let's keep fighting the good fight.

73,

Gayle

The San Diego DX Club (SDDXC) is among the best known and most highly respected DX clubs in the United States. Since it's founding in 1946, SDDXC members have been on both sides of the pile-ups with DXpeditions and a fair share have achieved "Top of the Honor Roll" status. If you're interested in chasing DX, contesting, exchanging stories or just rubbing elbows with fellow "Big Guns" or "Little Pistols", you'll feel right at home at one of our club meetings. Join us at our next meeting. Visitors are particularly welcome!

Treasurers Report

Leon Helms, N6VS



Treasurers Report

Bank Balance as of June 1, 2010 \$3,162.58

Income:

Membership dues	18.00
Shirt and hat sales	70.00
Contributions to legal fund	123.00

Expenses:

Speakers dinner and gift card for table/chair loan for bash	49.78
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Bank balance July 1, 2010	3,323.80
Petty Cash on hand	20.00
Balance checking & Petty Cash	3,343.80
Phase II Antenna Ordinance balance	-19.75

(An additional bill has arrived that will be reported next month)

San Diego DX Club Meeting Minutes

The San Diego DX Club held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, July 28, 2010 at the Sizzler Restaurant, Aero drive at Murphy Canyon Road.

President Gayle. K6GO called the meeting to order at 6:30.

The Treasurer reported that we received a donation of \$123 to the legal fund, from a W5YI VEC team (Bob's Garage) from the Los Angeles/Orange county area which is terminating it's operations and distributing it's operating fund to various amateur radio organizations.

Tom Ellett W0NI applied for and as accepted as an associate member. Tom invited anyone interested in a Friday lunch gathering to sign up at www.w0ni.com

Steve, K3STV, Dave W6VOL and Tom K6AA were recognized as visitors. There were 35 members and guests present,

SANDARC voted to purchase the projector despite our no vote.

John, K6AM presented the top 10 for RTTY. There was a discussion on including IOTA totals in the club letter. W6YOO is going to follow up, and see if he can find 10 members who have an IOTA certificate.

The roundtable included reports on propagation and contest results

The program was presented By Pat, WA6MHZ on W6D:The Transcontinental Mobile DXpedition to the Dayton Hamvention. Much laughter accompanied his tales of adventure to the mother of all hamfests,

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30

Respectfully submitted,

Leon, N6VS secretary/treasurer

The SDDXC Top 10

John, K6AM



TOTAL COUNTRIES WORKED ON RTTY

8/10	8/09	CALL	ZNS	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
1.	1.	NN6K	40	316	316	319	+10
2.	2.	K0XB	40	304	306	307	+5
3.	3.	N6ND	40	160	160	269	+14
4.	4.	N7CW	39	173	173	256	-
5.	5.	W6YOO	38	246	246	246	+5
6.	6.	N7TY	22	134	134	191	-
7.	7.	W6CN		173	176	185	-
8.	-	K6XT	39	146	146	146	NEW
9.	9.	N6CW	36	45	45	144	-
10.	10.	KY6LA	?	?	135	-	

Les, NN6K increases his lead at number one with a nice 10 point jump. The others at the head of the pack also continue to jockey for position. There are plenty of new ones out there for the rest of us, so give the digital modes a try. RTTY is becoming more popular all the time. The advent of PSK31 and some other systems have really ignited a surge of interest. The old 60 WPM baudot mode is now heard mostly only on contest weekends.

New software is being introduced all the time. MMTTY is a good one when used with Writelog and a sound blaster card. Most of the expeditions are now doing a fair amount of RTTY for The Deserving. We'll be looking for many more entries next year in this fun but under-represented category.

Each month, we will publish top ten lists for one of the lesser recognized but hard won categories. Coming up next, RTTY, phone, and CW. Please send me your totals for each band throughout the year and you will be listed in coming months. Use the convenient form at <http://www.sddxc.org> or bring 'em to the meeting.

DX Is!!

An update on items of interest to members in the ARRL Southwestern Division...

1) 2010 ARRL Southwestern Division Convention - San Diego - September 17, 18, and 19

The Southwestern Division's largest Amateur Radio gathering is at the upcoming Division Convention on September 17, 18, and 19, at the Four Points Hotel Sheraton, San Diego 8110 Aero Dr., San Diego.

Hosted by the San Diego County Amateur Radio Council, it features over fifty talks, demonstrations, and classes, along with vendor displays, prize drawings and optional banquets. The Saturday evening banquet speaker is Chris Imlay, W3KD, ARRL General Consul, who will also be covering antenna and other legal issues at a legal forum on Saturday morning.

The ARRL Forum, on Saturday afternoon will contain an update on Amateur Radio and ARRL happenings as well as present an opportunity for questions, concerns, and suggestions. A full program of talks and events is at www.sandarc.net/Convention2010/ Registration ahead of time is encouraged as it makes the work of the SANDARC, volunteers a little less hectic.

Discounted hotel rooms are available at the Sheraton by calling (858) 277-8888. Be sure to mention the Amateur Radio or Ham Radio or ARRL event to get the convention rate.

2) AA7A Appointed to DXAC

Ned Stearns, AA7A, has been appointed to fill the Southwestern Division DX Advisory Committee vacancy created with the passing of Vince Thompson, K5VT. Ned Stearns has 11-band DXCC (possibly the only person to have achieved this), experience on many DX-peditions, experience with ARRL operations as a past Vice Director, and a significant technical radio background as he is an electrical engineer. Note that he will be a speaker at the upcoming convention in San Diego.

3) Technical Innovation Award to WB6YMH

Congratulations to Southwestern Division member Skip Hansen WB6YMH on receiving the ARRL's 2010 Technical Innovation Award for his development of Bridge Conference Server software.

4) Other

Southwestern Division e-communicators are sent to you to inform you of items of specific interest to this division. There are approximately ten other regular ARRL E-mail newsletters available to members. They include the weekly newsletter, public service and emergency communications newsletter, contest newsletter, and club newsletter. ARRL members can sign up for these on the WWW.ARRL.COM website. Follow the "edit your profile" link to the "edit your e-mail subscriptions" page.

Vice Director Marty Woll, N6VI, and I both welcome opportunities to address your radio clubs and hamfests about ARRL national issues, and welcome your inputs regarding ARRL policies.

ARRL Southwestern Division

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In addition to the reminder to sign up for the SDDXC DX Breakfast at the upcoming September ARRL Southwestern Division Convention, the Convention Committee is looking for HF operators to man the radio station that will be set up in the Exhibitor's Hall during the convention. If you can have some time set aside to set for an hour or more to demonstrate to visitors the skills we process as HF operators, there will be radios from all the major manufacturers along with a trailer mounted tower and triband antenna.

Mike, KG6TDP's email address is: moberbauer@hotmail.com Contact Mike if you'd like to help out.

Paul E. Dorey, WN6K

The Top of the Mountain

By Bob Farkaly, K9RHY

When the annual DXCC Honor Roll listings arrived in the August issue of QST, I—probably like a lot of you—went looking for my call. (Why does the ARRL publish a 12-month old listing? Don't they have computers?) I also spent a few minutes scanning the Top of the Honor Roll list looking for familiar calls. There was only one that I recognized, W9JUV, whom I've known and respected for close to 25 years.

Position	Call	Mixed DXCC	Phone	CW	Age
1	K6ZO	394			95
2	W7KH	393	379		89
3	KH6CD	391			92
3	W0BW	391	384	347	90
4	W1BIH	390	369		95
4	W2BXA	390	388		96
5	4X4DK	389	389	344	75
5	W1AX	389	372	338	89
5	W2OKM	389	387		86
5	W7IR	389			92
5	W9JUV	389	230	159	

I became curious about these DXers who were the Most Deserving of all the Deserving and sent out emails and snail mails to each asking about their DXing careers so I could share some of their wisdom and memories with the SDDXC Deserving.

Regrettably, even with follow-ups, I only received one reply. It was from my old friend Joe, W9JUV, who I suspect replied because he remembered me as a wet-behind-the-ears DXer many years ago.

Here, completely unedited, is the response I received from Joe:

“Uh Oh; just cleaning out my inbox and found ur Email I never answered,
Bob... Sorry about that, but we've

just now finished up extensive redo on the house and grounds so mind's been going in diverse directions.

Yep, looking at the DXCC listings it looks like I'm tied with three others for fourth place world; just shows what can happen if you start early and keep at it with some enthusiasm! And out of curiosity I looked up the others ages; all but one are in their 90s, more than a decade older than me!

My license arrived in the mail May 2, 1946, when I was a sophomore in high school; first DX was in July, W3JMH/KH6, worked with 20W (input!) to a folded dipole on 10 meters, the only HF band the military had given up at the time. First European was Paddy, EI9J, after I'd cranked my three tube Xmtr up to 50 watts with an 807 final. Replaced that with a second hand pre-war home brew open rack and panel rig with a pair of TZ-40s (40W triodes) in the final, modulated with another pair of TZ-40s, running 250W and about then we got 20 meters back.

I still spent most of my time on 10, however, and soon was running phone patches every afternoon after school for homesick Chicago area GIs in Japan, Okinawa, Saipan, Guam and other Pacific outposts. As a result didn't spend much time digging for new ones so I know I missed a few now deleted but don't regret it for a moment; it was incredibly rewarding to hear the joy when mothers, wives and kids heard their loved ones voices for the first time after years apart! The main interruption would alway come late in each session when my mom would literally drag me from the rig to come to dinner! I'd tell the op at whatever station I was working I'd be back tomorrow, same time and freq, so have a good bunch of guys ready to call home with me.

Bob; this is fun but I have to get serious; family invited for dinner tonight and I have to help Janet (N9LGI) with preps... If I don't shut down the Mac she'll be in here yanking an ear, just like mom used to do!

I'll pick up here and continue soon; how'd you like it so far?

73, Joe”

I'd sure like to collect and pass on some of the Wisdom of the Deserving. So I'm going to keep trying and will let you know what I find out.

September Contests				
Contest	Start Date	Start Time	End Date	End Time
All Asian DX—Phone	4-Sept	0000Z	5-Sept	2400Z
WAE DX Contest, SSB	11-Sept	0000Z	12-Sept	2359Z
CQ WW DX—RTTY	25-Sept	0000Z	26-Sept	2400Z

